

File. Twenty-five votes required for amendments. The Miller amendment to 1016. Senator Nichol.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, apparently I didn't make myself very clear a little bit ago. This is ridiculous. We are standing here not doing anything, half of us not here and we are trying to get through these bills. I really encourage you to get here and stay here some of the time so we can get through these bills. This is serious. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair echoes them sentiments. Please record your vote aye or nay. The motion before the house is that of Senator Miller in the form of an amendment to 1016. We need your cooperation, your help for an aye or nay vote on these amendments. Please record your vote aye or nay on the Miller amendment. Have you all voted? Record the vote, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 8 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Miller's amendment.

PRESIDENT: The amendment is adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Rod Johnson would move to amend.

PRESIDENT: Senator Rod Johnson.

CLERK: Senator, this is amendment number 2708.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. President, this is a significant amendment because it changes the complexity of the bill completely. During the course of the life of LB 1016 we have had many discussions with the administration, with Director Schroeder from the Department of Agriculture and also Director Bates from the Department of Economic Development. As you will recall, this is a major policy shift since the bill was originally drawn that would allow the Department of Agriculture to be directly involved in economic development efforts for agriculture. After looking at the bill for some time and working on it with the principals that I have already named, it has come to my attention that this probably is not going to work the way I had originally intended and that possibly it would be in the best interest of myself and others who are interested in this area to delay the implementation possibly of this type of an idea, study it over the summer, continue to work with the two directors and the administration and the members of this